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## **PHOENIX GANG MEMBER SENTENCED TO 42 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF A HANDGUN**

PHOENIX — Tyrone R. Green, 28, of Phoenix, was sentenced here yesterday to 42 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Earl H. Carroll. Green's prison sentence will be followed by an additional 36 months of supervised release. Green had pleaded guilty on July 6, 2007 to one charge of Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

In the evening of January 25, 2007, Detectives from the Phoenix Police Department's Gang Enforcement Unit were on patrol with an FBI Special Agent in an area with a high volume of citizen complaints regarding gang and illegal drug activity. At an apartment complex near 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Roeser Road, the Detectives and Special Agent attempted to contact several suspected trespassers. The management of the apartment complex had previously provided the Phoenix Police Department an 'authority-to-arrest' for trespassers. Green, one of the suspected trespassers, ran from the law enforcement officers.

While pursuing Green on foot, they witnessed Green drop a loaded .45 caliber handgun. Green then climbed a block wall and entered a residential yard, where he was apprehended. During the subsequent investigation, it was determined that Green is a local gang member who has several previous criminal convictions, including Trespass, Possession of Marijuana, Misconduct Involving Weapons and Armed Robbery.

Green's prosecution is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a nationwide gang and illegal firearms crime enforcement program. The effectiveness of Project Safe Neighborhoods is based on the ability of federal, state, and local agencies to cooperate in a unified offensive, led by the U.S. Attorney's Office. Green's case was a cooperative effort by the Phoenix Police Department, the FBI, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. The prosecution was handled by Michael Lee, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona.

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